

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee** was held on Monday, August 24, 2015 in Room 161, UW Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chairman Dantine; Supervisors: Bernie Erickson, Tom Sieber, Dave Kaster, Dave Landwehr; and Mr. Dan De Grave

Also Present: Mike Mushinski, Dave Wetenkamp, and other interested parties.

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dantine at 6:00 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, Seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve. Vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of July 27, 2015.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, Seconded by D. De Grave to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. Discussion regarding Budget meeting date and time.

It was the consensus of the committee to host their budget and regular meeting on Monday, October 19, 2015 @ 5pm.

Comments from the Public

1. Budget Status Financial Report for July, 2015.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, Seconded by Supervisor Erickson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Departmental Openings Summary.

Land Conservation Director Mike Mushinski informed that the positions that they had posted, it was very challenging to get qualified people. They had seven applicants; two were somewhat qualified.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, Seconded by Supervisor Landwehr to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Director's Report.

With regard to the Feasibility Study, Mushinski reported that they had started landowner interviews to find out the interest in bringing manure and waste to a community digester facility. They were focusing on three spots: the east side/Kewaunee line, the southern area by the southern landfill and the west side of Wrightstown to capture some of the larger farms in Outagamie County. They had done a few so far and within the next week or two they planned to get 20-30 landowner contracts done to talk with landowners about their interest. So far it had been very lukewarm with interest. As

far as the study, they could always tweak it to look at on-farm treatments verses bringing things offsite; a lot was depending on landowner interest. After they get it done they will do a Request for Quote and will get it out to a private contractor to do that study. Responding to Dantine, they were talking about liquid and solid waste. About 93% was water, it might be a treatment facility on the farm to reduce the water and take the solid matter to a central area.

Demo Farms – Next month will be a busy month. August 25th they had the Midwest Natural Resources Group, representatives from all federal agencies including Washington DC representation that will be at the demo farms. Reid Ribble will be touring on the 15th. Tammy Baldwin will be there the 18th to look at the demo farm work. The field day will be the 30th, to get landowners and farmers to come and see what had been done with cover crops, etc. Lots of tours and publicity happening in September. It's become pretty much nationwide at this point and very successful. Land and Water Conservation Technician Brent Petersen did 99% of it, and did a tremendous job with landowners.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, Seconded by D. De Grave to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Other

4. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law. None.**

5. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, Seconded by Supervisor Kaster to adjourn at 6:11 p.m. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein
Recording Secretary